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**From:** Kathrin Chacha Kohler [chacha@maunakearealty.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2014 9:34 PM

**To:**

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**Subject:** Budget Committee Testimony

**Re:** Bill 69 – Billboard on buses

Dear Mrs. Kobayashi,

Last night I watched the news with Mayor Caldwell standing in front of a Honolulu bus talking about the billboards he plans to sell to make \$8 Million for the bus service.

I was shocked! He most certainly is unaware that there is a prohibition against billboards in our beautiful Hawaii. We are one of the few special places in the world that do not have billboards polluting the natural beauty of our island home.

I want to urge you to help prevent the spread of billboards throughout Hawaii. Billboards on Honolulu buses would be the first step. I want to urge you to oppose Bill 69, which, I understand would authorize billboards on Honolulu buses. The short term gain would certainly not be worth the long term damage being done to the beauty of Hawaii for which people from all over the world come and visit. Many good people have worked for many years and a long time ago to rid out islands of the plight of billboards. We should not allow the return of them.

I live on Hawaii Island and will not be able to come in person to voice my strong opinion. Therefore I want to plead with you again to do all in your power to prevent billboards from being sold and placed on our buses.

Sincerely,

Kathrin G. Kohler  
Kamuela, Hawaii